

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed 6/6/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-35.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 24 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Amendment

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the Amendment filed June 6, 2005.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 2-5, filed June 6, 2005, with respect to the rejection of claim 1 under Blank (2003/0150919) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-35 are allowable over prior art.

The following is an examiner's for allowance: Prior art teaches transaction cards attached to auxiliary portions by a line of weakness so that the transaction card is attached to the auxiliary portion, however can also be separated from the auxiliary portion. The identified prior art of record, taken alone, or in combination with any other prior art, however fails to teach or fairly suggest the specific smart document disclosed in claims 1-35 of the present claimed invention. Prior art teaches the transaction card being connected to the auxiliary portion in an edge-to-edge relationship such that the transaction card/portion has a planer thick card portion attached to an edge of the thin portion in a manner allowing an inclination of the thick card portion relative to the thin portion. The prior art arrangement differs with the claimed arrangement disclosed in the second paragraph of claim 1, which discloses that the card portion is divided into first and second parts on either side of the attachment to the edge of the thin portion. Secondly, in comparison to the current claimed invention, prior art teaches when the

transaction card and the auxiliary portion are flat, the card and the auxiliary portion are against one another edge-to-edge. Therefore prior art fails to teach a first part that overlays an adjacent section of the thin portion, which is disclosed in the third paragraph of claim 1. Lastly, although prior art teaches an arrangement such that the thick card portion can be inclined at a variable angle to the pliable thin portion, prior art fails to specifically teach having the first and second parts of the thick card portion that protrude in opposite directions from the attached edge of the thin auxiliary portion be inclined at a variable angle to the adjacent section of the thin portion, which is recited in the fourth paragraph of claim 1. These limitations are not found in prior art and moreover, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to come to the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allyson N. Trail whose telephone number is (571) 272-2406. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 7:30AM to 4:00PM Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

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